

INTELLOFAX 14

CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT

CD NO

COUNTRY: Germany (Russian Zone)

DATE DISTR 13 Mar 52

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous Information on Zeiss Jena

NO OF PAGES 1

PLACE
ACQUIREDNO. OF ENCLS
(LISTED BELOW)

50X1-HUM

DATE OF
INFO.SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE
OF THE UNITED STATES. WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793
AND 794, OF THE U. S. CODE, AS AMENDED, ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVEL-
ATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON
IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. NO REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

50X1-HUM

1. At Zeiss Jena there is increasing secretiveness and lack of contact between the director, Hugo Schrade, and other top employees. It is believed that Schrade did not confide to anyone the details of his trip to Moscow in May 1951. [] the man nearest to Schrade is Dr. Jobst, formerly head of personnel and now Schrade's personal secretary. Jobst is a Communist. Rudolf Mueller, the production manager, is also close to Schrade because his technical knowledge makes him indispensable to the director. Mueller is not a member of the SED and boldly sweeps aside all political considerations.
2. Since the late Geheimrat Harting, head of Zeiss Jena's scientific staff, was in failing health early in 1951, a paper was drawn up on 1 March, whereby the direction of Jena's scientific section would be divided between four Zeiss scientists. This decision was put into effect on 1 June. The group of four scientists is composed of the following:
 - a. Dr. Kohler, telescopes and astronomical instruments;
 - b. Dr. Zollner, photography;
 - c. Professor Schuster, basic physical and chemical research;
 - d. Dr. Bogenhold, micrometrics.
3. After Geheimrat Harting's death in September 1951, two possible successors to his position as head of Zeiss Jena's scientific staff were mentioned unofficially. The more probable one [] is Dr. Wittbrodt, Communist member of the DDR's State Planning Commission. The other rumored successor is Dr. Steenbeck, formerly with Siemens in Berlin, who has been in Russia since 1946. Dr. Steenbeck's wife was repatriated to Germany in the spring of 1951 and is living in Jena. This latter possibility is reported to have been voiced by Professor Friedrich Moeglich.
4. Dr. Lucas and Dr. Gause, of the Zeiss Jena scientific staff, spent ten days in Budapest in January 1951. They were not allowed to visit optical plants during their stay in Hungary, but spent the time in a general exchange of information with Hungarian optical specialists.

50X1-HUM

CLASSIFICATION				DISTRIBUTION			
STATE	NAVY	NSRB					
ARMY	AIR	FBI					

Document No. 3

No Change in Class. ☐

☐ Declassified

Class. Changed To: TS S 0

Auth: RII 10-2

Date: 18 SEP 1978 By

50X1-HUM